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SUBJECT: APRIL 30 NAC MEETING AGENDA ITEM III: SHAPE REPORT ON  
LESSONS FOR NATO FROM THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR.

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1. AT APRIL 30 COUNCIL MEETING, NAC PERM REPS NOTED THE SHAPE  
MIDDLE EAST REVIEW GROUP REPORT ON LESSONS FOR NATO FROM THE  
1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR AND COMMENDED IT TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR  
USE IN DEFENSE PLANNING. SYG LUNS SAID THE REPORT WAS AN  
EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL LESSONS FROM THE WAR AND CAUTIONED  
THE COUNCIL ABOUT PUBLICIZING THE REPORT BECAUSE IT CONTAINED  
RATHER DELICATE MATERIAL.

2. CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (HILL-NORTON) SAID THE REPORT  
COVERED ALL FACETS OF THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. HE THEN EMPHASIZED  
TWO LESSONS FROM THE WAR THAT ARE ESPECIALLY APPLICABLE  
TO NATO. HE SAID THAT THE ARAB ISRAELI WAR VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATED  
THE IMPORTANCE OF USING AVAILABLE WARNING TIME AND THAT NATIONS  
NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF LAND, SEA, AND AIR FORCES THAT  
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ARE BACKED UP BY WELL EQUIPPED AND READILY AVAILABLE RESERVE  
FORCES. HE ADDED THAT THE ISRAELIS ALMOST LOST THE WAR BECAUSE  
THEY DID NOT PROPERLY USE AVAILABLE WARNING TIME.  
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